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Paraguay Approves New GE Corn Event

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Report Highlights:

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General Information:

On February 25, 2014, The Paraguayan Minister of Agriculture Jorge Gattini announced the official approval for a new GE corn event, the MON89034 x TC1507 x NK603 “Powercore” developed by Monsanto and Dow Agrosiences. The “powercore” is a new corn hybrid that combines two herbicide-tolerant genes plus three genes resistant to pests of economic importance to Paraguay. Through its multiple modes of action, this event combines the control of major corn pests, such as Fall armyworm (*Spodoptera frugiperda*), Sugarcane borer (*Diatraea saccharalis*), Corn earworm (*Helicoverpa zea*), Corn stalk borer (*Elasmopalpus lignosellus*) and Black cutworm (*Agrotis ipsilon*), and tolerance to two types of herbicides - glyphosate and glufosinate. This event has already been approved in Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay.